

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Quigley on November 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Acting Mayor Quigley; Councilmembers Wickstrom, Huffman and Withhart.

Mayor Martin was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to approve the November 21, 2011 agenda as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Bart Reigstad, 5904 Prairie Ridge Drive, stated that he was unable to find the City budget in the City Council meeting minutes. Mr. Schwerm explained that the Council adopted a preliminary tax levy, which includes information about the budget at the first meeting in September. The full document is not published in the minutes, but summary discussions are included.

Mr. Reigstad further stated that his property value increased 29%. The increase in his tax is 49.9%. It is difficult for a taxpayer to find out how taxes are calculated. He asked if changes to the law will be provided at the tax hearing, noting changes to the taxing jurisdictions and further asked how the City budget fits into these tax increases. Acting Mayor Quigley explained that the City can only speak to the City portion of the taxes. **Mr. Reigstad** stated that his Shoreview taxes are being increased by approximately 20 to 25%.

Acting Mayor Quigley suggested Mr. Reigstad make an appointment with Finance Director Jeanne Haapala to have his questions answered. A budget handbook will be available at the tax hearing on December 5, 2011.

Councilmember Wickstrom noted that there is summary information on the Ramsey County website, but Mr. Reigstad's main problem is the increase in property value.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wickstrom:

On Friday, November 25, 2011, there will be a Dive-In Movie at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to the Turtle Lake Elementary School Choir for singing at the lighting ceremony at the Community Center.

The Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band Holiday Concert will be December 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel University Great Hall. Tickets are available at City Hall or online.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Withhart requested that the November 7, 2011 Council meeting minutes be voted on separately, as he did not attend that meeting. Approval of those minutes was continued to the next City Council meeting, as a quorum was not present for approval.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adopt Item Nos. 2 through 6 of the consent agenda of November 21, 2011, approving the necessary motions and resolutions:

2. Receipt of Commission/Committee Minutes:
 - Park and Recreation, October 27, 2011
 - Public Safety Committee, November 17, 2011
3. Monthly Reports:
 - Administration
 - Community Development
 - Finance
 - Park and Recreation
 - Public Works
4. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$2,120,808.16
5. Purchases

6. Approval of Developer Cost-Share Agreement for Owasso Street Final Design Services

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT--CHAPTER 5, TRANSPORTATION AND CHAPTER 10, PARKS/OPEN SPACE

Presentation by City Planner Kathleen Nordine

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is to bring the City's Comprehensive Plan into compliance with recent changes to the Metropolitan Council 2030 Transportation and Regional Parks Plans. The changes that impact Shoreview relate to I-694 and I-35W. Language has been updated in regard to transit characteristics and Anoka County Airport improvements. The sections that address I-694 have been updated to include expansion, bridges, frontage road and a managed lane system. The section on I-35W has also been updated to include a managed lane system. I-35W has also been identified as a transit way corridor and an express bus corridor.

The Trout Brook Regional Trail extends from Lake McCarron in Roseville to Sucker Lake in Vadnais Heights. However, alignment feasibility studies conducted by Little Canada and Maplewood do not include Shoreview in the trail corridor. Therefore, an amendment is not necessary. Shoreview will be asked to comment on a proposed plan.

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments, which staff believes has no negative impact on City systems. The amendments will be subject to approval by the Metropolitan Council.

Acting Mayor Quigley noted that the Planning Commission approved the proposed amendments on a 7 to 0 vote.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the amendments to the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 5, Transportation, Resolution 11-81. The amendments will not negatively impact Shoreview's local system. The amendments are consistent with the updated 2030 Transportation Policy Plan adopted by the Metropolitan Council. Approval is subject to:

1. Review and approval by the Metropolitan Council.

Discussion:

Councilmember Wickstrom noted the number of takeoffs and landings at the Anoka County Airport increased significantly from 90,000 to 230,000.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Huffman, Withhart, Wickstrom, Quigley
 Nays: None

ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE - 1648 LOIS DRIVE**Presentation by City Planner Kathleen Nordine**

The property owner, Michael Morse, constructed a detached garage without a building permit. The structure exceeds City standards for accessory structures. Mr. Morse was notified. He applied for variances, which were denied. It was then requested that Mr. Morse bring his property into compliance by November 1, 2011. The structure is still standing. He has now been requested to remove the structure by November 10, 2011. If it is not removed, an abatement hearing will be held. Mr. Morse sent a letter stating he would be unable to attend this meeting and requested an extension of the matter to December 19, 2011. Based on Mr. Morse's request, staff is recommending that the public hearing be extended to December 19.

Acting Mayor Quigley asked for further explanation of changes made to the structure since denial of the variances. Ms. Nordine showed photographs that indicate alterations to the roof and the addition of garage doors. A tarp is over the top of the structure. Staff had contacted Mr. Morse to request that contact the City prior to any alterations being made to the structure so staff could determine whether a building permit would be needed. That has not been done.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to continue the nuisance abatement hearing to the December 19th City Council meeting regarding the abatement of an illegal accessory structure on Michael Morse's property at 1648 Lois Drive. Mr. Morse is unable to attend the hearing scheduled for the November 21st meeting.

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

APPOINTMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

City Manager Schwerm stated that there were two recent resignations from the Economic Development Authority (EDA). Three applications were received from qualified candidates: Emy Johnson, serving on the Shoreview Community Foundation; Gene Marsh, serving on the Economic Development Commission; and Gerry Wenner, serving on the Planning Commission.

Originally, the EDA consisted of three Councilmembers and two members of the Economic

Development Commission. The bylaws have been changed to allow membership from the community at large and businesses. After a review of the applications, the EDA has recommended that Emy Johnson and Gene Marsh be appointed.

Councilmember Huffman noted that Emy Johnson has experience at the Humphrey Institute and brings a business and government perspective. Gene Marsh has solid banking experience, which will be an asset to EDA programs.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to appoint the following persons to fill two vacancies on the Economic Development Authority:

Emy Johnson to complete the term expiring on December 31, 2012
Gene Marsh to complete the term expiring on December 31, 2014.

Discussion:

Councilmember Withhart emphasized that three well qualified candidates applied. He believes the two chosen will bring excellent qualifications to the work of the EDA.

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

Acting Mayor Quigley declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011.

Terry C. Schwerm
City Manager